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**United States Department of the Interior  
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Surface Owner  
XXXX Any Street  
Your Town, USA XXXXX

Dear Surface Owner:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has received a request to lease minerals owned by the Federal Government under Private Land.

It is our understanding that you are the private surface owner of all or a portion of the land surface over the Federal minerals listed below. If this information is incorrect, please call Lourdes B. Ortiz, at (505) 438-7586.

T 09N., R. 33E, NMPM, Quay County, NM  
Sec. 18: Lot 4, NWSE, SESE;  
Sec. 19: Lot 3, SWNE;  
Sec. 20: SWNW, E2SE, SESE  
Containing 359.99 acres.

Prior to leasing Federal minerals, a BLM specialist will review information to assess natural resources that may need protection. Based on this review, stipulations are added to the parcel when needed to ensure that future activities do not result in unnecessary damage to resources. At that point, the parcel may be offered for competitive bid during the April 16, 2008, Oil and Gas Lease Sale held at the BLM New Mexico State Office in Santa Fe.

The successful bidder for the parcel will have the right to explore and develop Federal minerals, which could result in surface disturbing actions (such as road construction and drilling activities) on your surface lands. Please know that not all leases are explored or developed. Some leases are required to meet government well spacing requirements, while others are acquired for speculative value. In these instances, there would likely be no surface disturbance done to your land.

To keep all interested parties informed, the day following the lease sale, BLM will post on its web site ([www.blm.gov/nm](http://www.blm.gov/nm)) the name of the successful bidder, as well

as the price per acre they paid for the parcel. The web site also has information on oil and gas leasing, revenues, regulations, and Best Management Practices that you may find helpful.

BLM requires Oil and Gas Lease Operators to make a good faith effort to contact you prior to entering your private surface to conduct surveying and staking, which are typically done prior to any surface disturbing activities. If mineral development is eventually planned for the lease, BLM will invite you (as the private surface owner) to participate in the review of the activities proposed by the lease operator.

If you have any questions, please contact Jay Spielman, at (505) 438-7503, or by fax at (505) 438-7458, or e-mail [jspielma@nm.blm.gov](mailto:jspielma@nm.blm.gov). If you want to contact us, please refer to legal land description listed above so we may assist you if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Land Law Examiner